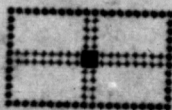


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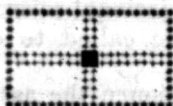
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PROCEEDINGS.

Sand Hill Baptist Church,
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October 19, 1917.

OPENING SESSION.

1. The Leaf River Baptist Association met this day in its Twenty-seventh Annual Session with Sand Hill Baptist Church, Greene County, Miss. Officers present: Joe Walley, Moderator; E. E. Roberts, Sec'y.-Treas.

2. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, at 11 o'clock A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. J. L. Jackson, by reading 1st. Cor. 13th. chapter, and offering prayer.

3. The opening sermon was preached by Brother Irvin Byrd.

4. After the Associational sermon the body adjourned for refreshments to be called to order at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

5. Pursuant to adjourn the association was called to order at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

6. Prayer was offered by Brother E. E. Roberts.

7. The Moderator proceeded to organize the association by appointing a finance committee composed of Brethren C. P. Eubanks, A. S. Mellichamp and Chas. Hillman. Brethren R. L. Walley, Willis Henderson and W. R. Breland were appointed as reading clerks.

8. Representation from the churches composing the Leaf River Association was called for when the following churches reported by letter and delegates, to-wit:

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| Sweetwater..... | W. E. Turner. |
| McLain..... | By letter only. |
| Cedar Grove..... | Carlie Coaker and W. R. Breland. |
| Leaf..... | L. P. Daughdrill and J. A. Cowart. |
| Antioch..... | Eugene Williams and Lee Busby. |
| Rockey Creek..... | D. L. Eubanks, C. P. Eubanks and W. H. Eubanks. |
| Pleasant Hill..... | Irvin Byrd and John Brewer. |
| Washington..... | Jim Daughdrill and Chas. Hillman. |
| Salem (Smithtown)..... | Jas. Henderson and Willis Hender- son. |

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| Sand Hill..... | Joe Wally, R. L. Walley and E. N. Beard. |
| Unity..... | E. M. Ball and C. A. Bradley. |
| New Hope..... | A. S. Mellichamp. |
| Fellowship..... | W. E. Neal. |
| Salem (East Side)..... | T. E. Beard and C. E. Beard. |
| Leakesville..... | I. D. Eavenson and Mose Nixon. |

9. Call for corresponding messengers was made when Brother J. L. Jackson was seated as a messenger from Washington County (Ala.) Association.

10. The resolution to change Section 3 of the Constitution of the Association so as to read: "The membership of this body shall consist of members elected annually by the churches belonging to the Association, with the resident pastors."

11. The Secretary-Treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See report on another page).

12. The election of officers was gone into for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: Joe Walley, Moderator; E. E. Roberts, Secty.-Treas; Irvin Byrd, assistant Moderator.

13. The Association elected Brother Irvin Byrd as delegate to go to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1918, and Brother E. M. Ball as his alternate. It was agreed by the Association to defray the delegate's expenses.

14. The Association elected as delegates to the State Convention Brethren A. S. Mellichamp, C. P. Eubanks and L. P. Daughdrill.

15. By motion of the body the Moderator was empowered to appoint corresponding messengers to the following associations, to-wit:

Washington County (Ala.), W. E. Neal.

16. The following appointment of committees was made, to-wit:

Program Committee—E. N. Beard, E. M. Ball and D. C. Coaker.

Periodicals and Publications—Eugene Williams, D. L. Eubanks, Irvin Byrd.

State or Condition of Churches—John Brewer, Jim Daughdrill and Willis Henderson.

Denominational Education — C. P. Eubanks, J. A. Cowart and L. P. Daughdrill.

Baptist Orphanage—E. M. Ball, W. E. Turner and Charlie Coaker.

Temperance—A. S. Mellichamp, W. H. Eubanks and W. E. Neal.

Church Discipline—W. R. Breland, Lee Busby and James Henderson.

Music—Carlie Coaker, C. A. Bradley and Willis Henderson.

Sunday School—J. L. Jackson, W. E. Neal and A. S. Mellichamp.

Memorials—R. L. Walley, E. N. Beard and C. A. Bradley.

Relation of Church and Pastor—Chas. Hillman, John Brewer and Jim Daughdrill.

State Missions—R. L. Walley, W. E. Turner and Jas. Henderson.

Home Missions—Irvin Byrd, C. P. Eubanks and W. H. Eubanks.

Foreign Missions—Carlie Coaker, W. R. Breland and Willis Henderson.

Queries, Requests and Nominations—J. C. Henderson, Lee Busby and E. N. Beard.

Woman's Work—E. M. Ball, C. A. Bradley and Eugene Williams.

17. The Program Committee reported that Brother Irvin Byrd preach at the church at 7:30 P. M. Friday night.

18. On motion the body adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY, FORENOON SESSION.

19. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, with officers present. Devotional exercises conducted by Brother I. D. Eavenson.

20. Letters from Leakesville and Salem (East Side) churches were read and delegates seated in the Association.

21. The Executive Board was appointed as follows: Antioch, Eugene Williams; Cedar Grove, A. C. Coaker; Fellowship, W. E. Neal; Leaf, J. A. Cowart; Leakesville, J. E. Miller; McLain, C. O. Backstrom; New Hope, A. S. Mellichamp; Pleasant Hill, Irvin Byrd; Rocky Creek, D. L. Eubanks; Salem (East Side), T. E. Beard; Salem (Smithtown), J. C. Henderson; Sand Hill, R. L. Walley; Shady Grove, J. H. Davis; Sweetwater, W. E. Turner; Unity, E. M. Ball; Union, J. L. Beavers; Macedonia, P. M. Davis; Washington, Chas. Hillman.

22. Call for report of committees which were read and adopted as follows:

(a) The report on State or Condition of the Churches was read and discussed by Brother I. D. Eavenson, after which it was adopted as read.

(b) The report of the Baptist Orphanage was read and after discussion by Brethren E. M. Ball, I. D. Eavenson, C. P. Eubanks and J. L. Jackson, it was adopted.

(c) The report on Denomination Education was read and discussed by Brother I. D. Eavenson, after which it was adopted.

23. At 11 o'clock the business of the Association was suspended, and after the singing of several hymns by the choir, Brother I. D. Eavenson preached a very interesting sermon.

24. After the choir had rendered the song "Prepare to Meet Thy God," the body adjourned for dinner.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

25. The Association reassembled at 1:30 P. M., Moderator Joe Walley presiding, devotional exercises conducted by Brother Irvin Byrd.

26. Brother C. P. Eubanks was elected as a member of the State Board from the Leaf River Association.

27. The report on Memorials was read by Brother R. L. Walley, after which it was adopted.

28. The report on Periodicals and Publications was read and adopted.

29. The report on Woman's Work was read and after discussion by Brethren E. M. Ball and J. L. Jackson, it was adopted.

30. The report on Church Discipline was read and after discussion by Brethren A. S. Mellichamp, I. D. Eavenson, E. M. Ball and J. L. Jackson, it was adopted.

31. The report on Relationship of Church and Pastor was read and after discussion by Brother Irvin Byrd, it was adopted.

32. The report on Music was read and after discussion by Brethren E. M. Ball and J. L. Jackson, it was adopted as read.

33. The report on Temperance was read and after being discussed by Brother A. S. Mellichamp, it was adopted as read. (See reports elsewhere).

34. Ordered that the Secretary-Treasurer have 500 (five hundred) copies of minutes printed for the churches,

and that he pay for same out of the funds of the Association.

35. Ordered that the Secretary-Treasurer be allowed the sum of \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars) for his services, to be paid out of the funds of the Association.

36. The Program Committee announced that Brother I. R. Eavenson would preach at the church at 7 o'clock this (Saturday) evening(and that Brother W. J. Harvey preach at the church at 11 o'clock A. M. tomorrow, (Sunday).

37. After a song by the choir the body adjourned to 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning (Sunday)

THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

38. Pursuant to adjournment the body was called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 A. M. Sunday. Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother W. J. Harvey.

39. The report on Sunday Schools was read and after discussion by Brethren J. L. Jackson, I. D. Eavenson and Irvin Byrd, it was adopted as read.

4. After an interesting song and prayer service, and a reading from the 8th Chapter of Romans, Brother W. J. Harvey preached to a large and attentive audience, using as a text: 1st. Cor. 3:6, and Romans, 8:16. Subject, "What Every Christian Ought to Know."

41. At the close of the sermon an offering was taken for the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, amounting to \$13.00 (Thirteen Dollars).

42. The body adjourned for dinner, which, was served on the grounds.

43. After the dinner hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Brother I. D. Eavenson conducted the devotional exercises.

44. The Finance Committee's report was read and adopted.

45. The reports on Home, State and Foreign Missions were read and after discussion by Brother I. D. Eavenson, was adopted as read.

46. An offering was taken for Brother J. L. Jackson, amounting to \$9.65.

47. A resolution of thanks was tendered the people of Sand Hill and community, as follows:

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the Leaf River Association extend to

the good people of Sand Hill church and community our thanks for the hospitality and kindness shown the Association during this session.

Resolved, second, That we as members of the Association extend our thanks to the Moderator, Brother Joe Walley, for his rulings and faithful service during this convention of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVIN BYRD.

48. The report of the Committee on Queries, Requests and Nominations was read and adopted, as follows:

Report on Queries, Requests and Nominations.

We, your committee, recommend that the next annual session of the Leaf River Association convene with Pleasant Hill Baptist church, Richton, R. F. D. No. 4, Greene County, Mississippi, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, A. D. 1918.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. BEARD,
J. C. HENDERSON,
LEE BUSBY.

49. By appointment of the Moderator, Brother I. D. Eavenson, is to preach the opening sermon at the next setting of the Association, Brother Irvin Byrd, his alternate.

50. A motion for final adjournment prevailed, to meet with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Richton, R. F. D. No. 4, Greene County, Mississippi, on the Friday before the Third Sunday in October, A. D. 1918.

E. E. ROBERTS, Secty.-Treas.
JOE WALLEY, Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 19, 1917.

E. E. Roberts, Treasurer, in account with Leaf River Association.

Receipts.

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| Oct. 14, 1916. | Received for Associational purposes | \$48.15 |
| Oct. 14, 1916. | Receiver for Missions | 20.00 |
| Oct. 14, 1916. | Received for Orphanage | 12.00 |
| Oct. 14, 1916. | Received for Delegate's expenses to S. B. C. | 3.60 |
| Total | | \$83.75 |

| Disbursements. | |
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| Forwarded to Baptist Orphanage..... | \$12.00 |
| Forwarded to J. B. Lawrence, for Missions..... | 20.00 |
| Forwarded to E. M. Ball, for Delegate's expenses to S. B. C..... | 3.60 |
| Paid to Banner Press for Printing Minutes..... | 34.00 |
| Paid for postage and stationery..... | 3.90 |
| Paid to Clerk's fee..... | 10.00 |
| Total..... | \$83.50 |
| Total Receipts..... | \$83.75 |
| Total Disbursements..... | 83.50 |

Balance remaining in treasury Oct. 19, 1917.....\$.25

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. ROBERTS, Treasurer.

STATE OR CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on State or Condition of Churches beg leave to report:

We find that most all our churches are progressing well. Most all have pastors and good Sunday Schools. We find that the organized work of our women is doing much for the cause of Christ and His kingdom.

We find that our churches are doing very well in the cause of missions now, but we feel sure that they might do better yet.

We recommend that our churches take better care of their pastors in a financial way in the future than they have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BREWER,

J. B. DAUGHDRILL,

W. W. HENDERSON.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

We your committee on the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage beg leave to make the following report:

The institution under consideration was located at Jackson, Mississippi, twenty years ago. The purpose of the institution is to provide a home for destitute orphans, where they can be educated and trained for usefulness in life.

Outside of what is raised on the farm owned by the home, it is supported by contributions from the Baptist

churches of the State, and from individual contributions.

We find by reference to the letters from the churches that only one church reports a contribution to the Orphanage this year. This church reports a contribution of \$25.00.

We urge the churches of this Association to wake up to their responsibility in this work.

We recommend the plan of monthly collections in all the churches, with a special thank offering in the month of November. It is a sacred duty imposed upon the churches to look after their widows and orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BALL,
W. E. TURNER,
D. C. COAKER.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Denominational Education beg leave to make the following report.

We find that there are from nine to twelve hundred students enrolled in the Baptist schools of Mississippi. We also find that there are one hundred and fourteen white Baptist schools in the South. In these there are 1461 teachers, 24,788 students. The land and buildings are valued at \$13,625,380. The endowment amounts to \$6,354,382.22. These figures may seem large to some, but if we will think of the vastness of territory and its population, we will immediately conclude that this is a small showing.

We find no record of this Association having contributed anything to Denominational Education.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. EUBANKS,
L. P. DAUGHDRILL,
J. A. COWART.

MEMORIALS.

We, your Committee on Memorials, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from this world our beloved brethren and sisters who were members of the following churches, to-wit:

Eliza Ezell, Salem (E. Side); Samuel J. Henderson, Salem (Smithtown); S. L. Harvison, McLain; Mrs. Kate

Howell, Sweetwater.

These brethren and sisters all died in the triumphs of a living faith. Their lives were as so many books of good deeds done to others. They were so well known as Christians that their death seems to us as only the passing over from their labors to their eternal reward.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved our unbounded sympathies, and trust that the knowledge of their long and useful lives will alleviate the grief with which their hearts are filled.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. WALLEY,
C. A. BRADLEY,
E. N. BEARD.

PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS.

As time advances on and foreigners immigrate to our shores, if we would fortify ourselves against the many forms of religion which they will bring among our children, it is very necessary that we furnish our homes with literature containing wholesome doctrine, while those of an adverse nature should be discarded.

EUGENE WILLIAMS,
D. L. EUBANKS,
IRVIN BYRD.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, would make the following report:

We have looked over the letters from the churches of the Leaf River Association, and find only three W. M. U.'s reported, with a total membership of 63. We find that they have contributed to the various objects fostered by them, the amount of \$129.19.

We also find that the Sunbeams report 45 members.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. BALL,
C. A. BRADLEY,
EUGENE WILLIAMS.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

The first duty of every Christian is to endeavor to keep an orderly house for God. The church should endeavor to keep evil on the outside. It is the duty of the older members to teach the younger how to conduct them-

selves in a Godly manner. It is the duty of each Christian to help bear the infirmities of the other. We all need to so live that we may be recognized as being separate from the world. It is only by such lives that we are able to show the power of christianity.

We are glad to say that most of our churches are carefully looking after this phase of their work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BRELAND,

LEE H. BUSBY,

J. C. ENDERSON.

RELATIONSHIP OF CHURCH AND PASTOR.

We, your Committee on Relationship of Church and Pastor, beg leave to make the following report:

The relationship of the pastor to the church should be as that of a father to his family. The pastor should minister to the church in spiritual things, while the church should minister to him in carnal things. These duties are alike binding on each. The Lord's command to the pastor is to feed His sheep. And again he said that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. We note that many of our churches are failing in their part of the obligation—that is, to support their pastors adequately.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. HILLMAN,

J. F. BREWER,

JIM DAUGHDRILL.

MUSIC.

We, your Committee on Music, beg to report:

We know that music is a great power for the accomplishment of any desired end, and no less is it a great power for the accomplishment of the work of the church when it is properly employed.

We are sorry to report that we find the musical interests of the churches of this Association to be very low. We find from investigation that there has not been a singing school taught in the bounds of the Leaf River Association this year.

We, the Committee, recommend that each of this Association have at least a short term of a good singing school taught next year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. COAKER,
C. A. BRADLEY,
WILLIS HENDERSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that all the churches of The Leaf River Association represented report live Sunday Schools. We find thirteen schools, with 82 teachers and officers, and an enrollment of 594 students, this being only a partial report as some of the churches did not report number of teachers and students.

We urge the churches of this Association to go forward with the good work, and make a better showing at the next meeting of this body.

J. L. JACKSON,
A. S. MELLICHAMP,
W. E. NEAL.

TEMPERANCE.

At the rate that laws are being enacted against the liquor traffic in many countries of the world, the question of temperance as regards the drink habit will be a thing of the past. Congress passed a law several months ago forbidding the making of whiskey in the United States during the war, and our President has it in his power to stop the manufacture of beer and wines at any time. Our State since July has had a bone dry whiskey law.

The last year's temperance report contains this brief report: "We urgently urge a moderation in the use of tobacco, especially the cigarette habit.

The Bible says be temperate in all things. So when the question of drink is settled by the laws of our land, then it will be the duty of our Christian brotherhood to take up these other nitemperate habits that are so common among our people. From the trend of public opinion it will not be long before the use of tobacco will be considered as much of an intemperaté habit as drink is with us today.

Paul admonishes us to lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race set before us.

A. S. MELLICAMP,
W. H. EUBANKS,
W. E. NEAL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, Committee on Finance, submit our report as follows:

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| Received for Minute Fund | \$42.50 |
| Received for Home Missions | 20.00 |
| Received for State Fund | 26.69 |
| Received for Foreign Fund | 20.00 |
| Received for Baptist Orphanage | 13.00 |

Total \$122.19

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. EUBANKS,
CHAS. HILLMAN.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

State Missions is an organized effort to make Mississippi a Baptist state. This work is done through a committee appointed by the State Convention, composed of representatives from the different churches each year.

We find that the churches composing the Leaf River Association have contributed \$198.22 to State Missions this Associational year.

Your committee would recommend that each church composing this Association put forth special effort in raising funds for this important branch of the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Walley,
W. E. TURNER,
J. C. HENDERSON.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, make the following report:

Home Missions is a department of our mission work and covers the field of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its purpose is to fit and prepare the forces of our great denomination for world conquest. This great work should appeal to us very much, yet it seems that the

churches of this Association are very negligent as to their duty toward this work. We find that several of our churches have not reported any contribution whatever to this work.

We find that out of the eighteen churches composing this Association the small sum of \$20.00 is reported as contributed to this branch of our work.

We recommend that each church adopt a regular system of monthly contributions to Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVIN BYRD,
C. P. EUBANKS,
W. H. EUBANKS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The program of Jesus is universal in its extent. "The uttermost parts," and "every creature" are its bounds. The millions of earth are turning to the religion of our Lord. We as Baptists claim to believe and teach the gospel in its pristine purity, and if we do we are under obligations to give this to the world. As Southern Baptists our gifts have been so small that our Board was able to send out only twelve new recruits to replete the ranks of our missionary forces and for the enlargement of our work. Such a state of affairs should humiliate us beyond measure.

Brethren, let us rise in our strength and put forth greater effort to show by our deeds our deep missionary spirit.

I. D. EAVENSON,
W. R. BRELAND,
D. C. COAKER,
WILLIS HENDERSON.

OUR DEAD.

Sister Eliza Ezell, Salem (East Side).
Brother Samuel J. Henderson, Salem (Smithtown).
Sister Kate Howell, Sweetwater.
Brother S. L. Harvison, McLain.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Leaf River Baptist Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. The object of this association shall be to carry out our Lord's command, viz: "Go ye therefore

and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And especially to promote the Sunday School cause, to encourage a deeper interest in our denominational schools and literature; to encourage temperance; to use our best efforts to preach the gospel to the destitute, and to further any and all worthy benevolent enterprises.

Article 3. The membership of this body shall consist of messengers elected annually by the churches belonging to the association, with the resident pastors.

Article 4. This Association shall meet annually at a time and place decided upon at the preceding meeting.

Article 5. It shall be the duty of each church belonging to this body to elect and send annually three messengers, together with a letter containing such information as may be required to make up intelligible tables of statistics.

Article 6. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, whose duties shall be such as devolve upon such officers.

Article 7. There shall be a Mission Board consisting of one member from each church belonging to this association, such members to be appointed annually by the Moderator and approved by the Association.

Article 8. This Board shall meet while the Association is in session and elect its own chairman and secretary, and attend to any other business that may be necessary, and shall hold its meetings regularly thereafter on Saturday before the fifth Sunday during the year. This Board shall have power to transact all business relating to the objects for which this association stands. Five or more shall be considered a quorum to transact business at any regular meeting.

Article 9. This Association shall never exercise any ecclesiastical authority whatever over the churches.

Article 1. Corresponding messengers from other Associations and Conventions of Missionary Baptists, and all brethren who may be invited to seats with us, are entitled to all the privileges of the Association except the right to vote.

Article 11. Before the close of the meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall appoint a principal and an alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

Article 12. All questions coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority vote, except that it shall require a two-thirds vote to exclude a church, or alter the Constitution or Articles of Faith; and any such alteration shall be made only after one year's notice thereof has been given, it being definitely understood that Article 1 shall ever remain in full force.

Article 13. Every church belonging to this Association is expected to contribute regularly to the work of this Association, the contributing church or individual having the right to specify the object to which the contribution should be applied.

Article 14. Every sitting of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state and is now utterly void of holiness.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the gospel.

7. We believe that except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth or to enjoy His glory hereafter.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are duties of every one who hears the gospel.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

10. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.

11. We believe in the preservation of the saints:

that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His church and moral government.

13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, obeying the ordinances and observing the laws of Christ and that its officers are pastors and deacons.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer, in water, by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received in the fellowship of the regularly organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's Supper.

16. We believe that the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath should be observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.

18. We believe in the final judgment; and that in that day the righteous and wicked shall be separated forever.

20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep a Godly discipline, agreeable to the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second com-

ing.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a presbytery of Regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions not otherwise provided for shall be decided by vote.

3. Any member not satisfied with the decision of the Moderator, may appeal to the Association on the same day.

4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, and when thus addressed, shall decide on the right of speaking.

5. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except he depart from the subject, or use language of personal reflection.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another member in his seat; but he shall not vote on any subject unless the Association shall be equally divided.

8. A proposition may come before the Association by motion and second, but no two propositions shall be

entertained at the same time.

9. When a proposition is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged.

10. When a motion has been decided, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration during the session.

11. No member shall be tolerated in any practice to corrupt good order. Every member shall speak respectfully to the officers and members of the Association and use the application "Brother" and no one shall leave the Association without permission.

12. All questions of order not provided for, shall be determined according to the usual practice of deliberative bodies.

13. These rules may be amended by two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

| SUNDAY SCHOOLS | | | | W.M.U. | | B.Y.P.U. | |
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| CHURCHES | SUPT. | SECRETARY | Teachers & Officers No. of Pupils | PRESIDENT | No. Members | PRESIDENT | No. Members |
| Antioch | Price Williams | Mrs. Kate Kitrell | 5 | | | | |
| Cedar Grove | Carlie Coaker | Miss Lottie Kitrell | | | | | |
| Fellowship | | Winnie Neel | 4 30 | | | | |
| Leaf | W McKay | Mrs. E L Mayo | 8 58 | Mrs. R. M. O'Neal | 20 | | |
| Leakesville | C E Anding | J C Landrum | 12 93 | Mrs. C. E. Anding | 23 | Banks Turner | 15 |
| McLain | B E Green | Etholine Roberts | 6 40 | Mrs. B. M. DeShazo | 14 | | |
| Macedonia | | | | | | | |
| New Hope | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Hill | E T Ham | J N Sowell | 7 75 | | | | |
| Rocky Creek | No. Teachers and | Officers not given | 40 | | | | |
| Salem (East Side) | J T Miller | Lillie Beard | 6 32 | | | | |
| Salem (Smithtown) | J L Henderson | Mary Henderson | 6 29 | | | | |
| Sand Hill | E J Shows | Kima Beard | 7 57 | | | | |
| Shady Grove | | | | | | | |
| Sweet Water | W J Turner | Sallie Neel | 7 70 | | | M. M. Pope | 45 |
| Union | | | | | | | |
| Unity | C A Bradley | Leona Brewer | 9 80 | Mrs. Leona Ball | 20 | | |
| Washington | L J Hathorn | Carrie Narvison | | | | | |

HISTORICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | PASTORS | CLERKS | POST OFFICE | Gain Loss Number | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | | By Baptism | By Reel. | By Letter | By Excl. | By Death | Total |
| Antioch | Rev. I. D. Eavenson | Price Williams | Leakesville Miss | | | | | | 20 26 46 |
| Cedar Grove | | Henry James | | 2 | 5 | | | | 138 |
| Fellowship | | J W James | | 2 | 2 | | | | 61 |
| Leaf | D W Boone | J C Daughdrill | Leaf | | | 1 | 3 | | 24 24 48 |
| Leakesville | I D Eavenson | T A Chapman | Leakesville | 11 | 4 | 1 | | | 54 54 108 |
| McLain | D W Boone | T M Ferrell | McLain | | | 8 | 1 | | 52 53 105 |
| Macedonia | Not Represent'd | | | | | | | | |
| New Hope | | | Agricola | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Hill | J E Curry | R L Turner | Richton Rt 4 | 11 | 3 | 1 | | | 74 72 146 |
| Rocky Creek | O N Herrington | J D Mallette | Lucedale | 5 | 2 | 3 | | | 141 |
| Salem (East Side) | I D Eavenson | J W Mills | Leakesville | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 28 24 52 |
| Salem (Smithtown) | W T Smith | Willis Henderson | Richton Rt 5 | | | | | 1 | 6 9 15 |
| Sand Hill | A M Sheppard | B L Walley | Rt 1 | 1 | | | | | 59 69 128 |
| Shady Grove | Not Represent'd | | | | | | | | |
| Sweet Water | I D Eavenson | W E Turner | Leakesville | 11 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 44 34 78 |
| Unity | W M Ball | E M Ball | | | 5 | | | | 30 40 70 |
| Union | Not Represent'd | | | | | | | | |
| Washington | D W Moukier | T B Byrd | Neely | 2 | 8 | 2 | 1 | | 44 50 94 |

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES

| | Pastors Salary | Building and Repairs | Incidentals | Sunday School Expenses | Charity | Minute Fund | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Sunday School Missions | Orphanage | Visiting Ministers | Other Objects | Value of Church Prop. |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| ANTIOCH | \$60 00 | | | | | 3 50 | \$11 00 | \$1 50 | \$1 50 | | | | | \$200 00 |
| CEDAR GROVE | | | | | | 3 00 | | | | | | | | 800 00 |
| FELLOWSHIP | 134 00 | \$45 00 | \$4 15 | \$35 25 | \$14 80 | 2 50 | 14 00 | | 3 40 | | | \$26 20 | \$12 60 | 1500 00 |
| LEAF | 150 00 | 51 85 | 24 60 | 50 00 | | 5 00 | 78 75 | 25 00 | | | | 92 00 | 113 61 | 5100 00 |
| LEAKESVILLE | 150 00 | 15 00 | | 18 92 | 5 00 | 2 50 | 34 63 | | 24 10 | | \$ 30 | 54 05 | 11 27 | 1200 00 |
| McLAIN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MACEDONIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NEW HOPE | 100 00 | | | 8 00 | | 3 50 | 5 10 | 5 10 | 5 10 | \$16 77 | 25 00 | | | 1000 00 |
| PLEASANT HILL | 127 00 | | | 17 45 | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | 1000 00 |
| ROCKEY CREEK | 60 00 | 28 00 | | 14 50 | | 1 50 | 20 00 | 2 05 | 1 60 | | | 12 00 | | 500 00 |
| SALEM (East Side) | 53 95 | | 5 00 | 3 79 | | 2 65 | 3 60 | | | | | | | |
| SALEM (Smithtown) | 75 00 | | | | | 5 00 | 5 08 | | | | | | | |
| SAND HILL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SHADY GROVE | 150 00 | | | | | 3 00 | 1 76 | | | | | 30 00 | 10 00 | 2500 00 |
| SWEET WATER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UNITY | 57 01 | | | | | | 11 53 | 1 63 | 5 68 | | | 30 50 | 39 55 | 1000 00 |
| WASHINGTON | 50 00 | | | | 12 25 | 3 25 | | | | | | | | |

